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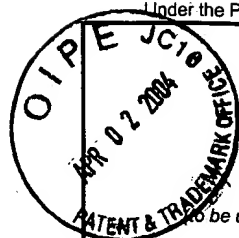
**REVISED AMENDMENT A RESPONSIVE TO MARCH 24, 2004 COMMUNICATION**

Sir:

This is responsive to the March 24, 2004 Communication have a 1-month term for responding that will expire on April 24, 2004. As that is a Saturday, the actual due date is Monday, **April 26, 2004**.

The Communication indicated that the additional claims 38 – 73 set out in Amendment A (mailed June 13, 2003 and received June 16, 2003 at the US PTO) were not in compliance as per the format for amended claims in reissues as set out in 37 CFR 1.173(b)(2) & 37 CFR 1.173 (d).

Applicant respectfully re-submits the additional claims 38 – 73 here in the proper format.



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